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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HONOLULU BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY TO INVESTIGATE
STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR ALLOWING EVENT SPONSORS TO
ACCESS ADDITIONAL STATE AND COUNTY CONTROLLED OR OPERATED
WATER SUPPLIES.

1 WHEREAS, single-use plastic water bottles are a serious
2 environmental issue; and

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4 WHEREAS, bottled water requires over 17,000,000 barrels of
5 oil annually to make enough water bottles for the United States
6 alone; and

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8 WHEREAS, it takes 1.85 gallons of water to produce a 16
9 ounce single-use plastic water bottle; and

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11 WHEREAS, imported bottled water uses more energy to extract
12 the resources for, manufacture, and transport bottled water than
13 the amount of energy generated from burning plastic water
14 bottles for H-power and costs more than shipping the same volume
15 of oil for energy production; and

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17 WHEREAS, bottled water is more expensive than tap water for
18 the average consumer, and it is estimated that one-third of all
19 bottled water sold in the United States is repackaged tap water;
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22 WHEREAS, single-use plastic water bottles may contain
23 chemicals such as antimony and phthalates, which can leach into
24 the surrounding liquid, and the consumption of the contaminated
25 liquid results in the absorption of the chemicals into the body,
26 leading to health problems; and

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28 WHEREAS, single-use plastic water bottles take centuries to
29 decompose in landfills and can be replaced by readily available,
30 high quality reusable water bottles and a variety of water
31 filtration systems, which cost less when factoring in shipping,
32 production, and environmental impact costs; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
2 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the
3 Honolulu Board of Water Supply, in consultation with the
4 Department of Health and other appropriate state departments, is
5 requested to investigate standards and procedures for allowing
6 event sponsors to access additional state and county controlled
7 or operated water supplies; and
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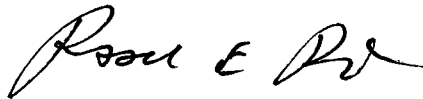

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honolulu Board of Water
10 Supply is requested to investigate installing backflow
11 preventers and related plumbing equipment on existing potable
12 water systems, to facilitate public access to such potable water
13 in the park sites most frequently used for special events; and
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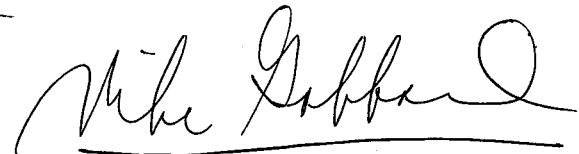
15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honolulu Board of Water
16 Supply is requested to submit a report of its findings and
17 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
18 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
19 the Regular Session of 2020; and
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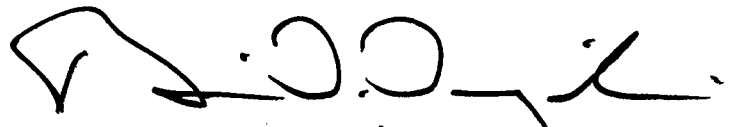
21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Manager and Chief Engineer of
23 the Honolulu Board of Water Supply and Director of Health.
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